

IV. Remarks

A. Preliminary Amendment

Applicants have amended Claims 1 and 4 to provide proper alternative language. Applicants have amended Claim 5 to provide proper multiple dependent language. Applicants have amended the first page of the specification by adding a sentence to reflect priority claims. Applicants direct the Office's attention to the file history of the parent case, Ser. No. 09/963,926, which Applicants assume the Office has access to.

The Applicants do not believe that any additional fees are due; however, the Office has the authority to charge the Applicants' Deposit Account for any fees that are presently due, or any fees that will become due. Please charge any appropriate fees to Deposit Account No. 19-1025.

If the Examiner believes a telephonic interview with Applicant's representative would aid in the prosecution of this application, he or she is cordially invited to contact Applicant's representative at the below listed number.

Respectfully submitted,



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